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E. O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: U. S. FOUR- SHIP VISIT

REF: TANANARIVE 0596

1. DURING CALL MAY 4 ON MALAGASY FOREIGN MINRSTRY SECRETARY GENERAL BEAZA, I ASKED ABOUT STATUS FRANCO- MALAGASY NEGOTIATIONS, AND PARTICULARLY WHETHER ANY POSSIBILITY THEY MIGHT BE WOUND UP BY THIS WEEKEND. HE REPLIED THAT FRENCH SECSTATE FOR COOPERATION DENIAU NOW NOT EXPECTED ARRIVE BACK IN TANANARIVE UNTIL SATURDAY, MAY 5. THUS, NO POSSIBILITY EXISTS FOR CONCLUDING NEGOTIATIONS BY THIS WEEKEND.

2. SINCE FRANCO- MALAGASY NEGOTIATIONS CONTINUING, WITH FUTURE OF FRENCH BASE AT DIEGO- SUAREZ CENTRAL ISSUE FOR DECISION, WE UNDERSTAND COMIDEASTFOR NEEDS REACH DECISION THIS WEEKEND ABOUT PORT FOR FOUR- SHIP VISIT, IT NOW CLEAR THAT ALTERNATIVE TO DIEGO- SUAREZ SHOULD BE CHOSEN. IN THIS CONNECTION, BEAZA STATED THAT FRANCO- MALAGASY NEGOTIATIONS ARE NOT ONLY FACTOR IN PROCEEDING
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WITH ALTERNATIVE. BUT IT ALSO DOUBTFUL HOW MANY OF FOUR U. S.
VESSELS COULD BE DOCKED AT QUAYSIDE IN DIEGO- SUAREZ BECAUSE OF
HEAVY USE THAT PORT AT THIS PARTICULAR TIME FOR COMMERCIAL
SHIPMENTS (INCLUDING TOP PRIORITY UNLOADING OF RICE).
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